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**AP: EPA testing in town doesn't show contamination**

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*By MICHAEL RUBINKAM Associated Press*

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) -- Federal environmental regulators say well water testing at 11 homes in a northeastern Pennsylvania village did not turn up elevated levels of contamination from gas drilling. The Environmental Protection Agency is sampling well water at dozens of homes in Dimock, Susquehanna County. The agency said Thursday it received initial test results for 11 homes. Regulators say water samples from six of the 11 homes showed sodium, methane, chromium or bacteria, but at safe levels. Arsenic was found in the well water of two homes but at low levels. A handful of residents are suing Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., saying the Houston-based driller contaminated their wells with potentially explosive methane gas and with drilling chemicals. Many other Dimock residents assert the water is clean.

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"The commander in the field is always right and the rear echelon is wrong, unless proved otherwise."  
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